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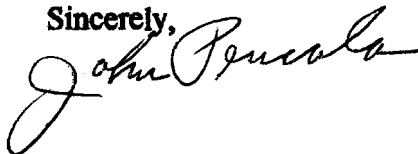
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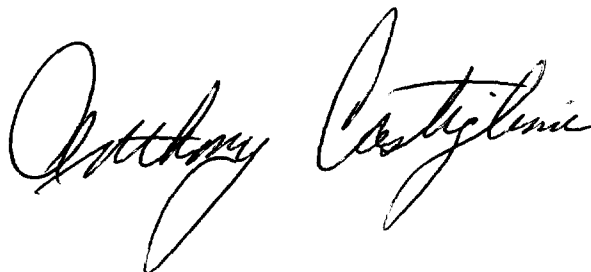
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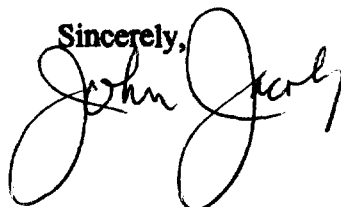
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LS Teacher



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Commissioner Susan Ness
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1919 M Street, NW
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Dear Commissioner Ness:

Northern Michigan University is very concerned with potential cost increases associated with proposals the FCC is considering for funding Universal Service. We recommend that colleges and universities be exempt from the increase in multi-line Subscriber Line Charges that are designated to be used for Universal Service. In many cities, our included, it is the higher ed institutions that provide the infrastructure and facilities by which K-12 schools and public libraries connect to the Internet or provide distance learning.

Sincerely,

Felecia Flack
Director of Support Services

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Chairman Reed E. Hundt
Commissioner James E. Quello
Commissioner Rachelle B. Chong
Commissioner Susan Ness

Federal Communications Commissions
1919 M. Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

Reference: "Ex Parte Communication in CC Docket No. 96-262"

It has come to our attention that the FCC may approve significant increases in telephone Subscriber Line Charges (SLC) and Pre-Subscriber Line Surcharges (PSLC) for multi-line business customers plus level a "universal service social agenda obligation fee" for cellular, PCS, and paging services. Colleges and universities affected by these increases will in effect be major players in underwriting the FCC costs to implement requirements of the 1996 Telecommunications Act for discounted telecommunications services to K-12 schools, libraries, rural health facilities, and lifeline services.

Universal telecommunications access for every citizen is an important national goal, and a Universal Service Fund may be needed to accomplish this worthy goal. While the end result of these charges has merit, the FCC must consider the impact of these increases on higher education institutions, especially publicly-funded institutions.

We would encourage the Commission to review the impact of the proposed changes and the financial implications for higher education institutions. The impact of the proposed increases at Kent State University is estimated to be more than \$480,000 annually. We respectfully request any assistance in the reconsideration of regulations in order to exempt public higher education. Public institutions have gone through a period of severe cuts in state funding, high costs, and many other unfunded mandates.

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The affordability of a college education is already a struggle for many. We hope that the Commission will not inadvertently target the scarce resources of higher education to subsidize K-12 schools, libraries, rural health facilities and lifeline services. Thank you very much for your consideration and review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Carol Cartwright". The signature is fluid and extends to the right.

Carol A. Cartwright
President

cc: Congressman Sherrod Brown
Senator Michael DeWine
Senator John Glenn
Congressman Dennis Kucinich
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Congressman Robert Ney
Congressman Ralph Regula
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Chairman Reed E. Hundt
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Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Hundt:

The International Mass Retail Association (IMRA), on behalf of the nation's price-competitive mass retail industry, strongly opposes the imposition of new monthly per-line charges on business telecommunications systems.

IMRA represents 170 mass retail chains that include full-line and specialty discount stores, home centers, catalog showrooms, dollar stores, variety stores, warehouse clubs, deep discount drugstores and off-price stores. Collectively, IMRA retail members operate more than 54,000 stores in the U.S. and abroad and employ well over a million people. IMRA's members represent the overwhelming majority of the approximately \$245 billion mass retail industry.

The Commission should reject any proposal that imposes such large, unwarranted burdens -- in effect, a new tax running into billions of dollars annually -- on U.S. businesses. Obviously, such a significant imposition demands Congressional attention, rather than being dropped on America's employers by regulatory action.

IMRA is also deeply concerned that the proposal does not adequately take into account other, far preferable alternatives for funding essential universal services -- including reductions in local access charges. Reductions, not just restructuring, of access charges would more than suffice to maintain the Universal Service Fund. IMRA urges the FCC not to adopt major new fees for business telecommunications users.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Verdisco
President, IMRA

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From: Marc Dutro <mdutro@asacomp.com>
To: A7.A7(RHUNDT,JQUELLO,SNESS,RCHONG)
Date: 5/5/97 10:09pm
Subject: Modem Tax

Do NOT impose the modem tax.
Marc

Never underestimate the power of stupid people in large groups.

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